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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
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GROUP 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: ) **Confirmation No. 6329**  
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**Brigitte Bathe, et al.** ) **Examiner: Kathleen Kerr**  
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App. No.: 09/941,936 ) **Group Art Unit: 1652**  
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Filed: August 30, 2001 )

For: **METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM  
BACTERIA USING AN ENHANCED SIGC GENE (as Amended)**

**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004 is due by October 28, 2004.

Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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